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AMEMBASSY MADRID

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SUBJECT: ADMIN: SHIPMENT OF EFFECTS

MADRID PLEASE PASS CONSULAR AGENT VALENCIA

1. POST WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING PROBLEM: FOLLOWING HIS ASSIGNMENT TO PARAMARIBO FOR TWO-YEAR TOUR IN 1970, CONSUL GENERAL JOHNSTON PLACED HIS TWO CHILDREN WITH IN-LAWS IN VALENCIA, SPAIN, FOR SCHOOLING, DUE TO SUBSTANDARD EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR AMERICANS IN PARAMARIBO. TWO-YEAR TOUR HAS SINCE GROWN TO FOUR, AND JOHNSTONS HAVE DECIDED BRING CHILDREN TO PARAMARIBO FOR FINAL YEAR.

2. CHILDREN HAVE ACCUMULATED CERTAIN AMOUNT OF EFFECTS DURING PAST THREE YEARS. MRS. JOHNSTON, NOW IN VALENCIA EN ROUTE BACK TO POST FROM HOME LEAVE, IS ARRANGING SHIPMENT OF EFFECTS. JOHNSTONS PLANNED TO APPLY UNUSED PORTION OF HOME LEAVE AIR FREIGHT AUTHORIZATION TO DEFRAY COSTS, BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH MRS. KULESZA, OPR/ST, WHO, AFTER CONSULTING HER SUPERIOR, SAID DEPARTMENT COULD NOT ISSUE GBL BUT EXPENSE JUSTIFIED AND COULD BE CLAIMED ON TRAVEL VOUCHER. IN A SUBSEQUENT TELECON WITH ARA/EX OFFICIAL, WHO HAD SPOKEN TO OPR/ST, MR. JOHNSTON WAS TOLD REIMBURSEMENT NOT AUTHORIZED AND ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST AN EXCEPTION THROUGH DEPARTMENT'S EXCEPTIONS COMMITTEE.

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EM FOR DEPARTMENT: POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S

OPINION REGARDING WEIGHT ALLOWANCE JOHNSTONS MAY APPLY AGAINST SHIPMENT FROM SPAIN. CONSUL GENERAL JOHNSTON HAS USED 175 LBS. TO SHIP FROM NEW YORK. BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH MRS. KULESZA, HE ASSUMES HE CAN STILL APPLY 175 LBS. EACH FOR WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

4. FOR EMBASSY MADRID: POST WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE TO MRS. JOHNSTON IN ACCOMPLISHING NECESSARY PROCEDURAL AND BUREAUCRATIC FORMALITIES WITH SPANISH AUTHORITIES AND SHIPPERS. MRS. JOHNSTON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IN VALENCIA IS 220738. TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION NO. 3-63977, DATED MAY 21, 1973.

5. AS MRS. JOHNSTON MUST COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR HER DEPARTURE FROM SPAIN ON JULY 24, POST WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT'S AND EMBASSY'S EARLIEST ATTENTION.
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